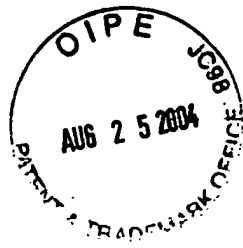


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
: Examiner: L. Nguyen  
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: Group Art Unit: 2853  
Application No.: 09/986,804 )  
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Filed: November 13, 2001 )  
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For: INK JET PRINTING APPARATUS )  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Official Action dated April 27, 2004, for one month, from July 27, 2004 to August 27, 2004.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$110.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in, or overpayment of, this fee should be charged, or credited, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this petition is enclosed for that purpose.

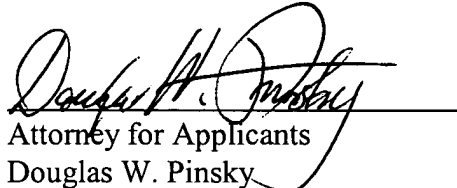
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